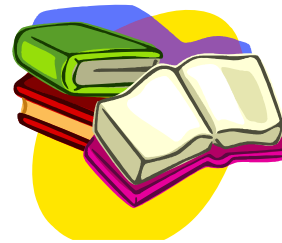


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Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival has been postponed this Friday due to the wet condition of the ground. It will now be held next term on Friday 31st July

Mid Year Student Reports

We have been experiencing some major technical problems with our student reports. This is a state wide problem, with the servers in Sydney crashing from time to time thereby not allowing teachers to access their reporting formats. This will mean that the reports will not be issued on Friday as first planned. Instead they will be issued next week at your child's/children's parent teacher interview if we can access them. We apologise for any inconvenience. Mrs Sehm's and Miss Duncan's class reports will be issued next term as previously advised.

Road Safety - Larmer Street

For some time the Larmer Street traffic area has been of concern in terms of the safety of our students when using this exit after school. An officer from the RTA visited our school recently to discuss safety issues. A recommendation was made that the car parking area be extended north to allow extra parking spaces. Because of the busy traffic at home time, we ask that parents escort their children across the road with them. All other children who leave via Larmer Street exit must walk up to the duty teacher to the end of the car parking area to cross where it is much safer. Please do not encourage your child to cross over to you if you're parked on the opposite side of the road to the school. Your cooperation with this matter is very much appreciated.

Swine Flu Details

Australia is entering a new phase in our response to human swine flu, known as PROTECT. The change in approach is because the virus strain is currently not as virulent as anticipated.

Generally the virus produces a mild disease in most people, a severe disease in some, and a moderate effect overall. This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu-like-illnesses than in recent winter flu seasons because fewer people will have immunity to the human swine flu virus. The aims of the **PROTECT** phase are to ensure that people at an increased risk of complications from influenza are treated early to try to prevent severe illness from developing, and to help control outbreaks in schools and other institutions.

On the advice of NSW Health we no longer need to exclude staff or students who have been to an area where there is known community or school transmission of human swine flu. Instead of excluding people who may have been to an affected area, or who have been in contact with a person with confirmed human swine influenza, we will now be asking any person with flu symptoms to stay at home until they are well.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu-like symptoms will be sent to a sick-bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home. Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu-like illness in your child. These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath. NSW Health has advised if you or your child develops flu-like symptoms you should seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

Amanda Smith - Principal

COMING EVENTS 2009

TERM 2

Week 10

- Mon 29th June Parent/Teacher Interviews – K/1K & Yr 6
Tues 30th June Parent/Teacher Interviews – 3/4K & 2/3M
All Spell-a-thon money and sponsorship forms returned to school.
Wed 1st July Canteen Meeting 3.10 pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews – 1/2T
Fri 3rd July Assembly 3/4K – 12:20pm

Week 11

- Fri 10th July Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Week 1

- Mon 27th July Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Tues 28th July Term 3 commences for K-6
Thurs 30th July Visiting Performance – "Out of the Bag"
Fri 31st July Athletics Carnival K-6



Students of the Week

Luke Chandler & Isabella Olcorn



PEER SUPPORT

In Peer Support this week children will be focusing on the skills of winning in a friendly way and coping with losing. The children will participate in various activities and discuss how to accept the outcome of a game, no matter what it is, in a friendly way in order to maintain those friendships.

During the week encourage your child to practise these skills in all aspects of life – whether it be weekend sport or choosing what to watch.

SCHOOL RULES

Week 8
Rule of the Week
USE OUR MANNERS

Week 8 winners
Harrison Hunter & Maddy Clayton

SPELL-A-THON TIMETABLE

Week 10 - Tuesday June 30th

Final day to return all sponsor money to school

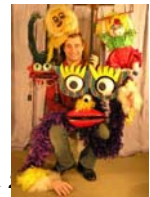
Week 11 - Monday July 6th

Total money announced, winning classes/children announced

Fantastic response so far with Spell-a-thon money, keep it coming in!!!

Please return money in an envelope with the child's name, class and amount enclosed written on the front.

VISITING PERFORMANCE – ‘OUT OF THE BAG’



(Promoting the importance of friends and cooperation and supporting Term Peer Support – Making Friends)

The visiting performance ‘Out of the Bag’ will be held on Thursday 30th July, 2009 (Week 1, Term 3). Time 2:00pm. Cost is \$4.00/student.

Please return permission notes and money by next Wednesday 1st July to the class teacher.

BALLARAT & BENGIDO EXCURSION

Years 5 & 6 students will be going on an excursion to Bendigo and Ballarat on the 16th, 17th & 18th September. Transport will be by bus. Cost is \$185 per student. Please find listed below the payment plan if you wish to pay in instalments. *The total amount of \$185 must be paid in full by Friday 4th August.*

Payment Plan

Payment 1	-	Due Friday 26 th June	-	\$70
Payment 2	-	Due Friday 31 st July	-	\$50
Payment 3	-	Due Friday 21 st August	-	\$40
Payment 4 (Final Payment)	-	Due Friday 4 th August	-	\$25

HEADLICE

Over recent days we have had a few reports of headlice. As a precautionary step, we are requesting that parents check their child's/children's hair and apply treatment if needed.

HUME BUILDING SOCIETY - STUDENT BANKING

There will be no Hume Building Society - Student Banking on Tuesday 30th June (Week 10) and Tuesday 7th July (Week 11). Banking will commence again on Tuesday 28th July (Week 1, Term 3).

Regional Multicultural Public Speaking final – Corowa PS **Wednesday 1st July**

Good luck Rhiannon Schilling, Aaron Drayton, Annabelle McGee and Ben Baker as you travel to Corowa next week to compete in the Regional Public Speaking Final. These students were selected from 15 competitors in the School's Public Speaking final. Speeches needed to have a multicultural aspect to them. Students were judged on their preparation, eye contact, pronunciation and how well they developed their argument, to name a few criteria aspects. Students also had to prepare an impromptu speech and speak about a topic they only had five minutes to prepare for. Well done all students who competed and we wish our finalists the very best of luck next week.



Indigenous Games Day Friday 10th July - 11.20 to 1pm - (last day of school this term)

To celebrate NAIDOC Week we are having an Indigenous Games Day. Students will be rotating through a tabloid of Indigenous Games with their Peer Support group. We would love to have at least 3 to 6 parent helpers who could help supervise a game. If you are able to volunteer please see Mrs Southam who will provide you with details about the game you will be running and how to score. Games are not difficult to explain to children. Please consider supporting our school and children by volunteering your time. Thank you.

Tracey Southam – Organiser

MERIT CERTIFICATES



Infants

Mitchell Forbes	A great effort in writing.
Cody Simpson	A big improvement in handwriting.
Jasmine McAliece	Being a sensible class member and doing her best in all she does.
Duggen Lewry	Excellent spelling attempts in writing.
Honesty Curran	Developing greater independence in work.
Elyse Thiel	Improvement in effort in writing.
Ashlee Campton	Doing her best with everything she does.
Mason Turner	Working well with Zara.
Hannah Lewry	Always making a big effort in writing.
Jasmine Taylor	Being a sensible class member and always giving 100% in effort.
Tayla Farrelly	Being a sensible class member and always giving 100% in effort.

Primary

Trent Quirk	Being very helpful in art lessons.
Aaron Drayton	Being more settled in reading groups.
Darcy Thwaites	Being a cooperative student.
Jazmin Priestly	Focusing more during learning tasks.
Lauren Smith	Taking pride in her work.
Harrison Hunter	A great helper in maths for Mrs Southam.
Hayley Crisfield	Always being ready to listen.
Ben Baker	Always thinking outside the box!
Dylan Nowak	Excellent spelling results.
Mikayla Dunn	Having insight and working well in reading groups.



Mrs Mary Murrell Award (Literacy)

Molly Crofts	Great creativity and structure when writing narratives.
Kyi Brooks	Using palm cards and preparing for his speech in class.



P&C NEWS



The P&C will be having a planning/goals meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 7:00 pm at the Howlong Resource Centre. Come along for a coffee/tea and bring your ideas. All parents welcome.

Due to the resignation of the Canteen Treasurer, the position is vacant. Anyone interested in taking this role on, please contact Tanya Wylie (P&C President) on 6026 5462.

Uniform Shop Sale - 20% OFF SALE – Discontinued Lines

	Quantity	Size	Price	
Red No Logo T-Shirt	2 off	10	\$12.60	each
Black Girls Zip Bootleg Pants	3 off	10	\$20.00	each
Black Girls Zip Bootleg Pants	2 off	12	\$20.00	each
Black Girls Zip Bootleg Pants	2 off	14	\$20.00	each
Black Girls Zip Bootleg Pants	1 off	16	\$20.00	each
Round Neck Windcheaters with Logo	4 off	12	\$24.00	each
Round Neck Windcheaters with Logo	3 off	14	\$24.00	each
Round Neck Windcheaters with Logo	3 off	16	\$27.20	each
Red Beanie	1 off		\$3.20	each
Black Beanie	6 off		\$3.20	each
Black Polar Lined Rain Jacket	2 off	10	\$22.40	each
Black Polar Lined Rain Jacket	1 off	12	\$22.40	each
Black School Bag No Logo	1 off		\$26.50	each

Canteen Roster - Term 2

<u>Week 9</u>	Friday 26 th June	Martina Moore, Crystal Lamont
<u>Week 10</u>	Wednesday 1 st July Thursday 2 nd July Friday 3 rd July	Chris Lindsay, Jennifer Curran Catherine Lewry, Fiona Taylor Frances Hunter, Lisa Hogan
<u>Week 11</u>	Wednesday 8 th July Thursday 9 th July Friday 10 th July	Alison Cooper, Tamara Priestly Louise Farrelly, Tania English Mellisa Huggins, Crystal Lamont

Canteen Meeting

Tuesday 30th June
2009

3:10pm at school
Everyone welcome!

If you can't make it on your rostered day on, it is your responsibility to swap with someone or find a fill in. If you are unable to find a replacement please contact either Louise Farrelly 6026 5424, Catherine Lewry 6026 5042 or Frances Hunter 6026 8003.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRL GUIDES DISCO

When : Friday 10th July 5:30 – 7:00
Where: Howlong Public school hall
Please come along and support the girl guides.

Who : Primary school aged children boys and girls.
How much: \$3.00 entry, food and drink supplied.

For more information please feel free to contact: Kara Rennick (guide leader) on: (02) 60 252 767 or 0431336330.